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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re : Application of Currie et al.
For : **EXPANDABLE TIRE BUILDING DRUM WITH
ALTERNATING FIXED AND EXPANDABLE SEGMENTS, AND
CONTOURS FOR SIDEWALL INSERTS**
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2003 and having a statutory period for response set to expire in one month or by July 9, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now pending in the application.

The Examiner held that this application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- a. Species I, drawn to a dual cone expanding mechanism (Figures 3A-3D); claims 1-11.
- b. Species II, drawn to an overlapping linkage expanding mechanism (Figures 4A-4C); claims 12-20.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant elects Species II, drawn to claims 12-20, without traverse.

Favorable examination and consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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